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In the Application of :  
Stephen Paul Zimmerman, et al. : Conf. No. 3630  
Serial No.: 09/851,456 : Group Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: May 8, 2001 : Examiner: Drew E. Becker  
Title: SNACK CHIP HAVING IMPROVED DIP CONTAINMENT AND A  
GRIP REGION

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

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Dear Sir:

I, Stephen Paul Zimmerman, hereby declare the following:

1. THAT, I am a co-inventor of Claims 1-18 and 22-23 of the above-identified patent application;
2. THAT, prior to September, 1999, we completed the invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:
  - a.) Page 7 of the scientific notebook (Exhibit A) shows the triangular shape of the snack pieces;
  - b.) The curved-concave nature of the snack piece is shown in Exhibit B; and
  - c.) Specifics about the stacking of the snack pieces are shown in Exhibit C.

I, Stephen Paul Zimmerman, declare that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge, or if made upon information and belief, are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date: *May 29, 2003*

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Subject

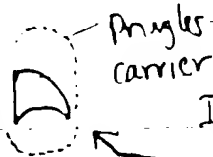
FS-11 Shape Development Cutter Specifications

On [redacted] and [redacted], more chips were made using the same formula and specifications given on the previous page. These chips were used in chew/use tests [redacted]

Chip shapes were based on specifications from the drawings below and on the next page. The chips were fried into three-dimensional shapes as follows:

Equilateral Triangle: 1) bowl-shaped

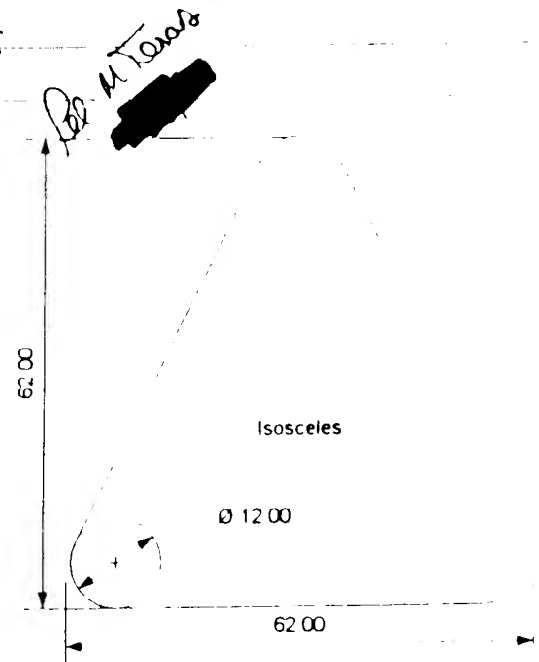
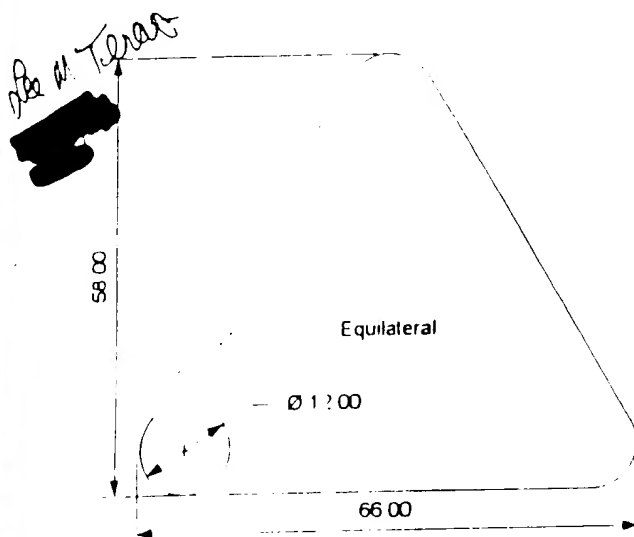
2) sinusoidal with additional curvature (shown on the next page)



Isosceles Triangle: 1) Pringles carrier, with long axis rotated 90°

"Teardrop"/rounded triangle: 1) Pringles carrier

- measurements in millimeters



Worker's Signature

R. M. Texas

Date

Corroborating Witness

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# EXHIBIT C

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Subject Chip Stack Height Measurements

Chips were cut to dimensions shown on previous pages and fired in carriers of the described shape.

Equilateral Bowl

Stacks of 20 chips:

Surface-to-surface

Total Ht

73 mm

83 mm

70 mm

82 mm

73 mm

82 mm

63

69

67

74

Sigmoidal Equilateral

20 chips

64

72

78

83

67 70

82

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Current carrier, 90°

20 chips

64

75

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Current carrier, teardrop

20 chips

59

78

48

65

15 chips

38

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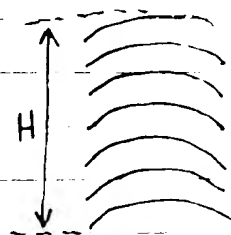
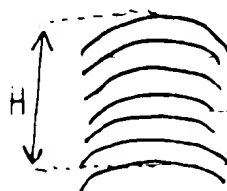
20 chips

56

76

- surface to surface:

total ht:



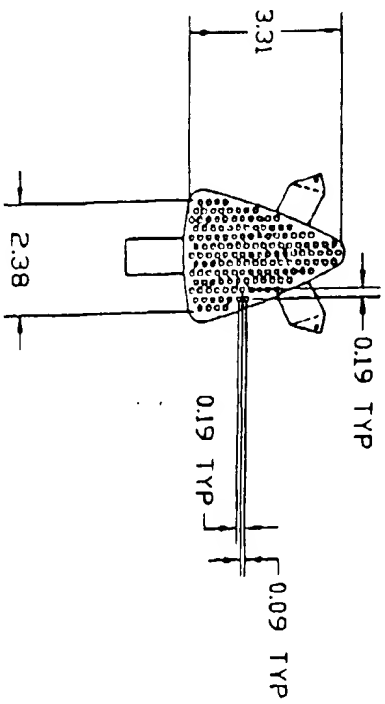
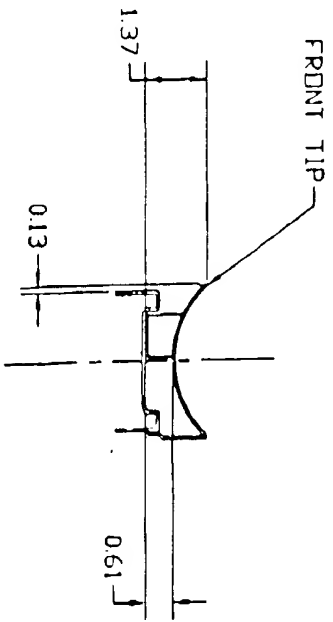
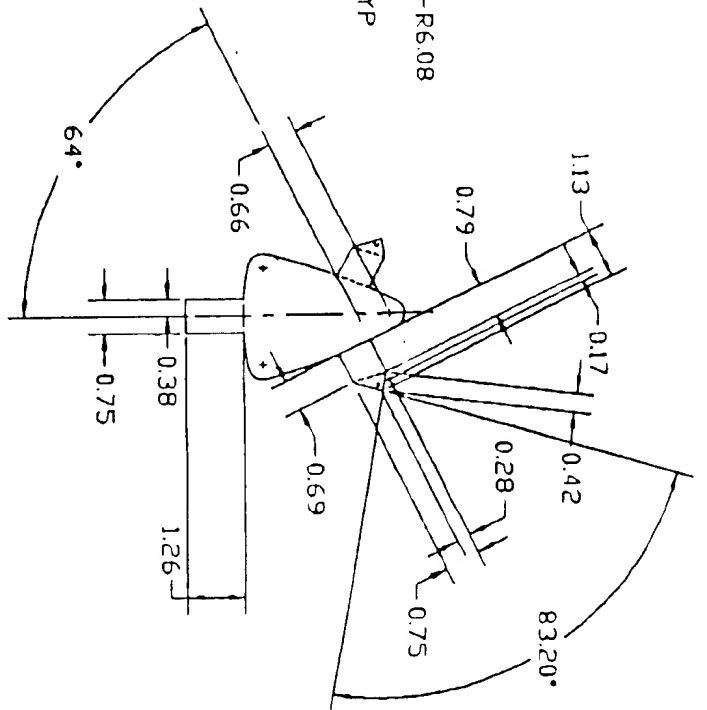
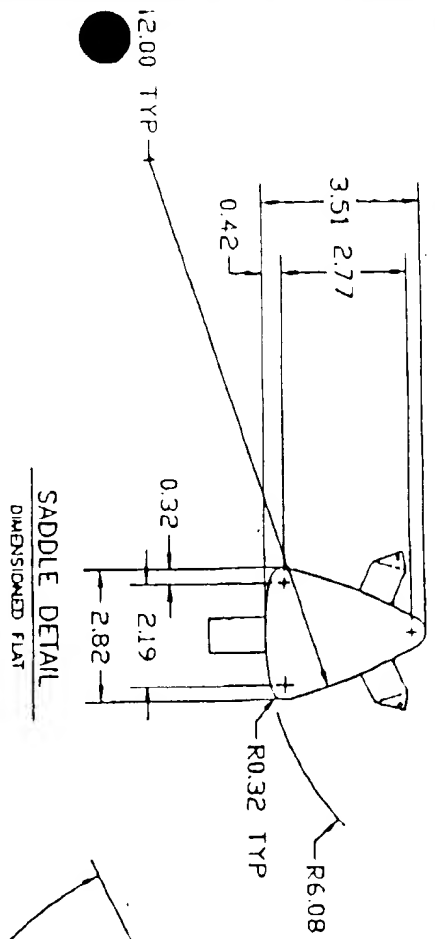
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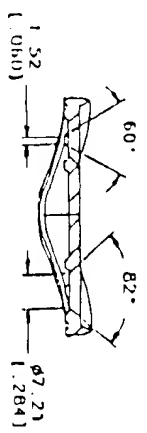
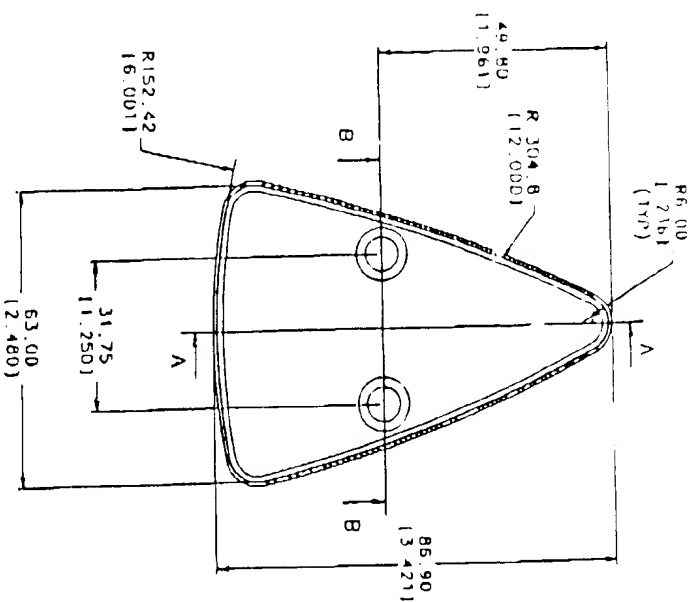
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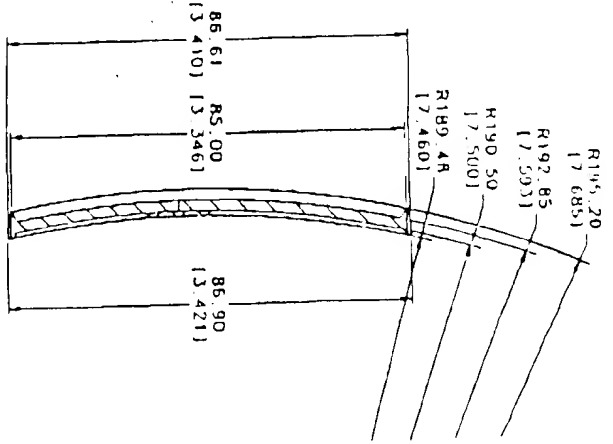
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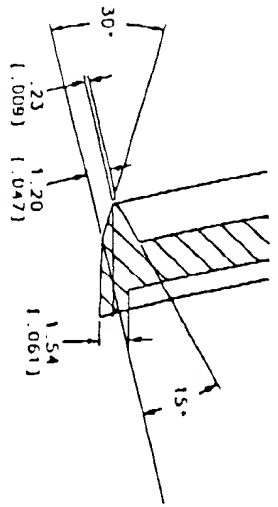
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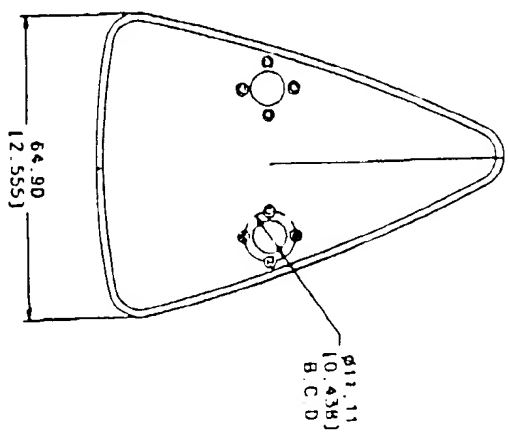
SECTION B-B



SECTION A-A



DETAIL "A"  
SCALE = 4X



69 mm  
2.71 inch

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